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Case 7129

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
ANGELL, Adrian John Waynforth et al
Int'l Application No. PCT/IB99/00708
Filed in the RO/US on 21 April 1999
Entitled: Water-Dispersible Non-Particulate Detergent
Product From Low-Density Particulate
Detergent Particles

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- * Please cancel Claims 3-14.

Please add the following new claims:

15. The process of claim 1 wherein said low density detergent particles of step (a) have a bulk density no less than about 400 g/l.
16. The process of claim 15 wherein said low density detergent particles of step (a) have a bulk density in a range of from about 400g/l to about 850g/l.
17. The process of claim 16 wherein said low density detergent particles of step (a) have a bulk density of about 700g/l.
18. The process of claim 1 wherein said liquid is a nonionic surfactant and is added to said low density detergent particles in an amount sufficient to reduce said intra-particle porosity by at least about 20%.
19. The process of claim 1 wherein said liquid is added in an amount in a range of from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of said low density detergent particles.
20. The process of claim 1 wherein said liquid is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, anionic surfactants, water, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.

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